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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Premier) :—
"A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

High price of paddy in the West Godavari district.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that there has been continued rise (abnormal rise) in the price of the paddy and rice in West Godavari district including Ellore town and the rate at which the paddy and rice are being sold in the market;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that it is impossible to secure paddy or rice in the market at the controlled price or rate; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to check the same?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"(*a*) There has been some increase in the price. A statement [b] showing the prices of paddy and rice during the week ending 21st August 1948 in the important market centres of West Godavari district including Ellore as compared with those prevailing prior to derationing is placed on the table of the House.

"(*b*) No.

"(*c*) It will be observed from the statement [b] placed on the table of the House, the increase in the price of paddy and rice is not abnormal. However, during the period from 28th June 1948 to 14th July 1948, the Collector of West Godavari has requisitioned 27,309 tons of paddy and 5,235 tons of rice from banks, millers and merchants with a view to discourage any tendency to hoard stocks and put up prices. The Government feel that such judicious requisitioning wherever necessary coupled with the strict enforcement of the notified ceiling prices will help in stabilising prices at a reasonable level."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—"తూర్పు గోదావరి జిల్లాలో రామచంద్రపురం, కాకినాడా తాలూకాలలో black market ను అరికట్టుటకుగాను ధాన్య సేకరణ Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies కు అప్పగించినారనునది యదార్థమా?"

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"Is there not a ruling that those people who can afford to speak in English should not speak in Telugu?"

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member has chosen to speak in Telugu."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"Occasionally he speaks in English."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"He will have to choose and he has chosen to speak in Telugu hereafter."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"The Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies were carrying on procurement

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and distribution work prior to the abandonment of the societies altogether for this kind of work. What has happened is that these societies have got plenty of money at their disposal and they still can carry on procurement and Government do hope that blackmarketing in these areas may be put an end to. So they have introduced in these two taluks."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies కు ధాన్య సేకరణ అప్పగించడంలో అభిప్రాయము black market ను అరికట్టటానికి, ఈ సంఘాలవద్ద చాలా share capital ఉన్నదనే కారణాలవల్ల అయినట్లయితే రాష్ట్రమంతటిలోను ఈ విధానమునే అమలు చేస్తారా? ఈ సంఘాలవద్ద దాదాపు 10 కోట్ల రూపాయల షేర్ ధనము ఉన్నది. ఇంత డబ్బుతో ధాన్యపు వ్యాపారము చేయవచ్చునే కనుక, ధాన్యపు సేకరణ (procurement) ను ఈ సంఘాలకు ఏర్పాటు చేయడం ప్రభుత్వ విధానమా?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, the hon. Member is not putting a supplementary question, but he is giving a long-winding explanation of his opinion." 11-15 a.m.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member should confine himself to his question and not deal with any explanation of it. He should put what he has to say shortly and crisply, and not indulge in explanation."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" No explanation, Sir. (Laughter) నేను వేయదలచుకొన్న ప్రశ్నలన్నిటిని విడి విడిగా వేయుటకు నా అభ్యంతరము లేదు. కాని నాభయము హటాత్తుగా Question No. 101 అంటారేమోనని. అందుచేతనే ఈ చిన్న చిన్న ప్రశ్నల నన్నింటిని చేర్చిన ప్రశ్నగా అడిగినాను."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"I have no objection to your putting half a dozen questions; but put them one by one. What is your question?"

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" కంట్రోలు చేయబడిన సరుకులు ఆహార ధాన్యాలు కంట్రోలు ధరలకు supply చేయించుటకుగాను ప్రభుత్వమువారు ధాన్య సేకరణను ఈ సంఘాలకు ఏర్పాటుచేసినారనునది యదార్థమా?"

DEPUTY PRESIDENT (translated the question in English) :—" Are these procurement societies only intended to make foodstuffs available to the people at large at controlled rates?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Those societies have been operating previously in some of the districts. It is open to them to apply to the Government for procurement permits and for giving them permission for distribution, and such of those societies that apply, will have their applications considered, and Government will assign to them permits if they are satisfied with their request that they would be able to discharge their duty satisfactorily."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" మంబారు జిల్లాలో ధాన్య సేకరణ Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies సంఘాలకు ఇచ్చినారు కనుక ఆధంగా అన్ని జిల్లాలలోను చేస్తారా?"

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The question is out of order, for we are here considering only West Godavari district. If you want to put a question relating to Malabar you should give a fresh question on it."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" పశ్చిమ గోదావరి జిల్లాలోని ప్రజలకు ఆహార ధాన్యాలు కంట్రోలు ధరలకు దొరుకుటకు గాను Producer-*cum*-Consumer Co-operative Societies కు procurement ఇస్తారా ? "

DEPUTY PRESIDENT (translated into English) :—" May I know why Government should not give all societies in West Godavari district those facilities? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have to be satisfied that those societies are willing to take up the work."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" తగినంత షేర్ ధనము ఉన్న సంఘాలు దరఖాస్తు పెడితే వాటికి procurement అప్పగిస్తారా ? "

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" He has already answered that question twice. I don't think you are at liberty to ask again."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" ధాన్యమును కంట్రోలు ధరలకు కొనుటకు కావలసినంత డబ్బు ఉన్న యిటువంటి సంఘాలను procurement ఇవ్వడం ప్రభుత్వ విధానమా ? "

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" He has answered it already. You did not follow the answer."

Permit given to Uravakonda Bus Company.

* 101 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Uravakonda Bus Company, Limited, applied for a permit for running a bus for hire on the route Adoni to Uravakonda via Aspari, Alur and Guntakal;

(*b*) whether the Regional Transport Authority granted the same in 1946;

(*c*) whether Sri Machani Somappa of Yemmiganur, Adoni taluk, appealed against the order to the Central Road Traffic Board, Madras, and whether the said authority confirmed the decision of the Regional Transport Authority;

(*d*) whether the Government interfered with the said decision in January 1947 and cancelled the permit issued to U.B.S. Company, Limited, and directed the Regional Transport Authority, Bellary, to reconsider the matter and granted a temporary permit to Sri Machani Somappa;

(*e*) whether the Madras High Court held in November 1947 that such interference by Government is *ultra vires*;

(*f*) whether the decision was shown to the Regional Transport Authority, Bellary, and a request was made to restore and confirm the permit previously granted in favour of Uravakonda Bus Company, Limited;